(i) So far as the postgraduate level teaching is concerned, the candidates having Ph.D. degree should be exempted from acquiring NET qualifications for being considered for the post of lecturers.

(ii) As regards the undergraduate level teaching, the candidates having M. Phil. or Ph.D. degree should be exempted from acquiring NET qualifications for being considered for the post of lecturers.

According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the above recommendation has been accepted in principle by the University Grants Commission in its meeting held in 7-4-06.

(c) and (d) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), no such central database is maintained by it.

Serving hot-cooked meal to children

3853. MISS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the mid-day meal scheme, children are to be served hot-cooked meal;

(b) if so, the number of tribal districts of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh where it is being done;

(c) if not, what is being done actually; and

(d) by when the hot-cooked meal will be served to children under the scheme in the tribal districts of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the information furnished by Governments of Chhattisgarh

and Jharkhand, hot cooked meal is provided in all their districts, including tribal areas.

(c) and (d) In view of (b) above, do not arise.

Funds for Women and Child Development Schemes

3854. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds earmarked by Government for women and child development schemes during 2006-07 as compared to the year 2005-06, till date;

(b) the details of the funds allocated/utilized and balance left, till date (State-wise and Year-wise) particularly in the State of Maharashtra and Punjab;

(c) the details of new schemes likely to be undertaken during the Five Year Plan period in this regard;

(d) whether any funds were also provided by the World Bank, UNESCO and other International Financial Institutions for this purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof Institution-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (e) The details of funds earmarked during the year 2006-07 as compared to 2005-06 is available at Annexure. The funds allocated/utilized for women and child development schemes and funds released to the States including Maharashtra, Punjab are available in the Annual Reports of the Ministry which are available in the Library of Rajya Sabha. The details of the new schemes undertaken during Tenth Five Year Plan are at Annexure. The Government has set up Working Groups to review the existing schemes of Tenth Five Year Plan and finalization of the scheme to be taken up in the Eleventh Five Year Plan. The funds provided by the external agencies for implementation of the programmes of the Government have also been indicated in the Statement.